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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

GEORGE R.

WHereas the preſent Parliament ſtands Prorogued to Thurſday the nineteenth Day of October next; we, by the Advice of our Privy Council, do iſſue this our Royal Proclamation, hereby declaring our Will and Pleaſure to be, that the ſaid Parliament ſhall, on the ſaid nineteenth Day of October next, be held, and ſit for the Diſpatch of weighty and important Affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, and the Commiſſioners of Shires and Burghs of the Houſe of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their Attendance accordingly at Weſtminſter on the ſaid nineteenth Day of October next.

Given at our Court at *Kenſington*, the Twenty fourth Day of *Auguſt*, in the Eighth Year of our Reign.

God ſave the KING.

Whitehall, Aug. 24. An humble Addreſs of his Excellency the Governour and Commander in Chief of all His Majeſty's Leward Caribbee Iſlands in America, and of the Lieutenant-Governour and Council of His Majeſty's Iſland of Antigua, having been tranſmitted hither, has been preſented to His Majeſty by the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret, one of His Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State.

Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Madrid, Aug. 11, *N.S.* Laſt Week arrived at the Eſcurial the Duke of Leeds from Bilboa, with a Project which he preſented to his Catholick Majeſty for the re-eſtabliſhing of his Marine, but met with a very cold Reception with regard to himſelf as well as his Project; and as he came not only without Leave from the King of Spain, but even contrary to his Majeſty's expreſs Orders, it was ſignified to him that he ſhould retire from the Court; whereupon he deſired a Paſsport for Cadiz, deſigning to imbark for Italy. The Marqueſs de Lede is gone from hence, in order to put the new projected Reform in Execution, by which the Spaniſh Troops will be reduced to the Eſtabliſhment of 70000 Men; and in order to this Reform ſeveral Regiments are marching to the Sea Coaſts of Catalonia and Valencia. Orders are come for the Reſtitution of Fontarabia and St. Sebaſtian upon the 23d Inſtant to the King of Spain. It is believed, the Duke de Bournonville will be ſent to Paris in the Quality of Ambaſſadour from his Catholick Majeſty.

Madrid, Aug. 18, *N.S.* Complaint having been made to his Catholick Majeſty by ſeveral of his Commanders in Chief, and Governours of Cadiz, and Valencia, that Merchandize, as well Britiſh as French, are put into Magazines at Gibraltar, and from thence ſent up into ſeveral Parts of Spain; his Catholick Majeſty upon account of the Contagion doth require, that in order to the admitting of ſuch Britiſh Goods and Commodities as ſhall come from Great Britain to Gibraltar, and from thence be conveyed to the Ports of Spain, Certificates ſhould be brought as well of Health as of the Places where they were manufactured, as alſo of the Day on which they were imbarked at Gibraltar, with Authentick Teſtimonials that they are the very ſame Goods which had been unladen and put up in Ware-houſes there; provided they are Goods of Great Britain and not of any other Kingdom or Province whatſoever. A Teſtimonial that ſuch Goods were in Gibraltar before the Time of the Contagion, will not be ſufficient.

The preceeding Article is publiſhed, to the Intent all Britiſh Merchants trading to Spain by the way of Gibraltar, may take Notice of the Rules preſcribed therein, and conform themſelves thereto, to prevent any Inconveniencies or Loſſes which they may otherwiſe ſuſtain.

Whitehall, Aug. 25, 1721. CARTERET.

Stockholm, Aug. 9. It is generally believed the Peace between this Crown and Muſcovy is ſigned, and an Expreſs is hourly expected with the Treaty from Neuſtadt.

Kenſington, Aug. 23. His Majeſty having ordered a Chapter of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter to be held here this Day, and being pleaſed according to his Prerogative to diſpence with that Branch of the Statutes which requires the Preſence of Six Knights Companions; His Majeſty being attended by Four Knights Companions, all robed in the Mantles of the Order, entred into the Chapter-Room, where His Majeſty being ſeated in a Chair of State at the upper End of the Table, and the Knights placed in Chairs according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel at Windſor, Garter King of Arms with Reverence acquainted the Sovereign, that the Biſhop of Wincheſter attended at the Door, and humbly beſought His Majeſty that he might be admitted to the Office of Prelate of this moſt Noble Order; and His Majeſty being pleaſed to command that the Lord Biſhop ſhould be introduced into the Chapter, accordingly the Lord Biſhop being at the Door in his Epiſcopal Habit was introduced between Garter on his Lordſhip's Right Hand carrying the Letters Patents of Confirmation under the Great Seal, and the Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod on his Lordſhip's Left Hand, bearing on a Velvet Crimſon Cuſhion the Mantle and Badge belonging to the Prelate; who proceeded up with Reverences towards His Majeſty ſeated in the Chair of State, where Garter on his Knee preſented to the Sovereign the ſaid Letters Patents, which the Sovereign re-delivered to Garter commanding him to read the ſame, and then his Lordſhip was inveſted with the Mantle by the Black Rod, and his Lordſhip kneeling down His Majeſty put the Badge of the Office of Prelate about his Neck, who continuing kneeling, the Oath of that Office was at the Sovereign's Command read to the Prelate by Garter, the Black Rod holding the Goſpels; and the Prelate having kiſſed His Majeſty's Hand, and being congratulated by the Knights Companions, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions preſent, beginning with the Juniors, and then the Proceſſion to the Sovereign's Bed-Chamber was in the following Order, the Knights whoſe Companions were abſent going ſingle, viz.

The Earl of Sunderland.

The Duke of Montagu on the Left Hand, and the Duke of St. Albans, together.

The Duke of Bolton.

The Uſher of the Black Rod on the Left Hand, and Garter King of Arms, together, in their Mantles and reſpective Badges.

The Prelate of the Order.

The SOVEREIGN.

Whitehall, Aug. 25. Whereas a Report has been ſpread for ſome Days paſt that the Plague is got into Cherbourg in Normandy, it is judged proper to acquaint the Publick, that by Advices from thence it appears the ſaid Report is wholly groundleſs.

Whitehall, Aug. 25. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint his Grace the Duke of Chandos, Lord Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the Counties of Hereford and Radnor.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to order Letters Patents to paſs the Great Seal, for granting the Dignity of Viſcount of Great Britain to the Right Honourable Simon Lord Harcourt, by the Name, Stile and Title of Viſcount Harcourt of Stanton-Harcourt in the County of Oxford.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to order Letters Patents to paſs the Great Seal, for granting the Dignity of Baron of Great Britain to the Right Honourable Nicholas Lechmere, Eſq; Chancellour of the Dutchy of Lancaſter, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Lechmere of Eveſham in the County of Worceſter.

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